

Helena Citizens Council Regular Meeting March 28, 2007

Members present: Allen Tompkins, Ellen Bell, George Hoff, George McCauley, Justin Trafton, Ken Saunders, Larry Mitchell, Lynne Boone, Mary Ann Dunwell, Matthew Cohn, Rebecca Ridenour, Teresa Klotz and Thom Warsinski. Also present: Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown.

Members absent: Jim Christnacht, Bill Roberts, Bob Habeck, Marshall Gingery, and Jim Tucker, Jr.

Visitors: Fire Chief Steve Larson, Fire Marshall Craig Trapp, Police Lieutenant Roger Johnson, and Community Development Director Sharon Haugen.

March 28, 2007 HCC Meeting minutes

The March 28, 2007 minutes were approved as submitted.

Helena Police Department Report

Lt. Roger Johnson reported some arrests were made regarding the Smith's Grocery Store graffiti. He also reported that an individual was charged with armed robbery related to the robbery at Subway in 2006. The Governor's Cup is coming up and this year the marathon and half-marathon will be held in the city.

Lt. Johnson commented new officer Shawn Lashaway will be starting on Monday, April 2, 2007.

Helena Fire Department Report

No report given.

Treasurer's Report

No report given.

Fire Department Presentation - Wildland Urban Interface Program (WUI)

Fire Chief Steve Larson gave an overview of the WUI Program, using a movie titled "Firewise Communities" and a power point presentation. Fire Marshall Craig Trapp gave a power point presentation on recommended building materials. If you would like to see these presentations, please contact Robyn in the City Clerk's office. Chief Larson noted after providing a recommendation to the City Commission, numerous public meetings will be held regarding the proposed program.

New Business

Zoning Ordinance Update - Community Development Director Sharon Haugen handed out the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and gave a brief explanation. She announced the next public hearing on the revisions would be Tuesday, May 1, 2007. If you would like to see the proposed changes, please contact Robyn in the City Clerk's office.

Old Business

Executive Board member email accounts - Discussion was held on whether to purchase city email accounts for the HCC Executive Board and VISTA volunteer.

Motion: Ellen Bell moved to table the email account purchase to allow for further discussion of the cost. George McCauley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

New Business

April District Meeting agenda and miscellaneous information - The following meeting specifics were decided:

- The food/refreshment allowance per district is \$30.00, and each district is responsible for their own food/refreshments
- Mark McDonnell will write a generic opening statement for all of the district presenters
- Each meeting will provide a sign-in and comment sheet to its attendees
- Each presenter should inform citizens of upcoming issues in the City of Helena but should not answer questions from the public, please refer these questions to the appropriate city department for more information
- The agenda should include a section of time for open discussion
- Each district will receive large maps from GIS showing the seven districts and the zoning in each district
- Make attendees feel welcome and curious

Draft Presenter Agenda - presenters encouraged to talk for about 7 minutes on each item

- *Meet & Greet (6:00 - 6:30pm)*
- *Opening Statement/Introduction (6:30)*
- *Top 3 Quality of Life Issues*
- *Zoning Update*
- *Urban Wildland Interface Information*
- *Urban Wildlife Task Force Information*
- *Help Helena Shine*
- *Community Gardens*

Presenter packets can be picked up from Robyn in the City Clerk's office.

District Meeting Advertisement - Lynne Boone reported she would write “letters to the editor” regarding the meetings to both the Queen City News and Independent Record. She also spoke of placing small ads in both of the above referenced newspapers. Chair Trafton suggested speaking with the high school service organizations to obtain help advertising the district meetings.

Member Committee Commitments - Rebecca Ridenour is working on updating the lists of member commitments.

Fire Service Review Committee Membership - Chair Trafton explained the purpose and function of the Fire Service Review Committee and asked for an interested HCC member to sit on the committee. Ellen Bell volunteered to represent the HCC on the committee.

City Meeting Assignments

Administrative Meeting	April 4, 2007 - Lynne Boone April 18, 2007 - Lynne Boone
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Commission Meeting April 9, 2007 - George McCauley
April 23, 2007 -

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15? pm. The next HCC meeting is April 25, 2007 in City/County Building Room 326.